



Good morning conference



Nelson's Welcome

The day has finally come, after tireless preparation and planning, for London to host the most important date in the consultancy and engineering calendar.

I speak both personally and on behalf of ACE when I express my excitement for hosting this significant international gathering of consultants and engineers. FIDIC 2009 is unparalleled in its ability to set the stage for one of the most crucial industrial debates in recent times; finding sustainable solutions to global challenges.

The event was last held in the UK in Edinburgh in 1997 and we are very pleased that the HRH Princess Anne has once again, agreed to be our guest speaker at the opening Ceremony.

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the best of our industry to the world and will provide an unrivalled forum for engineers to discuss business opportunities with clients and project professionals from around the globe.

In an increasingly global society, the solutions to the major infrastructure and development challenges we face must be widely accepted and above all sustainable, to be effective. As the need for developing and redeveloping towns, cities and urban spaces increases, the need for well thought out solutions becomes ever more critical. FIDIC 2009 London will come up with a series of concrete actions to be implemented after the event.

The conference will also provide a platform for FIDIC to launch its highly anticipated, first ever State of the World 2009 Report which will seek to set out the challenges facing the world and the role of consulting engineers in addressing these challenges.

I urge all UK and international consultancy and engineering firms to be part of the debate at FIDIC 2009 London. It is a golden opportunity for consulting firms, contractors, specialist suppliers and wider stakeholders to take part in and shape the international debate on the future of our sector and its place in the world and is your chance to rub shoulders with key decision makers and opinion formers from around the globe.

Above all else, I truly hope you enjoy the conference.



Opinion leaders lead the way

The Plenary session of the conference features four global opinion leaders and will be chaired by FIDIC president, John Boyd. The speakers will set the tone for the conference addressing the key issues and giving a perspective from the respective sectors and countries within the industry.

Ian Tyler (Balfour Beatty), Keith Clarke (WS Atkins), Brian Bruce (Murray Roberts) and Petter Eiken (SKANSKA) will all have the opportunity to give their distinct views in the initial plenary.

Following the plenary session there will be three seminars with a total of 12 speakers who will explore particular topics. Seminar 1, chaired by Jean Venables (ICE) looks to tackle Global Challenges and Response. Seminar 2, chaired by John Dionosio (AECOM) will present an expert view on Mobilising Engineering Resources to Respond; whilst Seminar 3 will debate the Future Funding of Infrastructure, chaired by Keith Clarke (Atkins).

The theme of today's debates provides a fitting opening session for the conference, and emphasises the importance of FIDIC on a worldwide scale; with a host of speakers coming from all corners of the globe to provide sustainable solutions to global problems.

Conference Diary

09.00 – 10.30	Opening Ceremony With guests of honour: HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne Dee Doocey, London Assembly
11.00 – 12.30	Plenary Session Opinion Leaders: John Boyd, president, FIDIC (chair) Brian Bruce, group chief executive, Murray and Roberts, South Africa Keith Clarke, chief executive, Atkins Petter Eiken, executive vice president, Skanska, Norway Ian Tyler, chief executive, Balfour Beatty Group, UK
14.00 – 15.30	Business Sessions Global challenges and response (featuring Jean Venables, President, ICE, UK) Mobilising engineering resources (featuring John Dionisio, president and CEO, Aecom, US) Funding Infrastructure (featuring Christopher Deacon, non executive director, Thames Water)
16.00 – 16.30	Plenary wrap-up session
16.30 – 17.30	Regional Reports Young Professionals Forum
18.30 – 21.30	Optional evening dinner cruise

Working in the GCC:

Addressing the Legacy of the Credit Crunch



Key speakers include:

Gavin English, Managing Director, WSP
Michael Earp, Executive Director and Major Client Advocate, Finex Global (a Willis Group Holdings division)
Neil Broadhead, Head of Forensic Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Roger Button, Construction and Engineering, Projects and International Arbitration Partner, Shadbolt LLP
Gurjit Singh, Chief Property Development Officer, Sorouh Real Estates

18-19 October, Sheraton Hotel, Abu Dhabi

“The impact of the global credit crisis on the respective GCC economies has been a wake up call for developers, consultants, contractors and governments in the region. Over the past ten months nearly US\$2 trillion worth of construction projects have been suspended across the region, which has had a catastrophic impact on some parts of the industry.

This ACE-organised conference will draw together senior engineering and construction professionals working in the region to explore current and future opportunities in the GCC countries, sharing knowledge and lessons learned on the many challenges they face and unite to resolve some of the issues.

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